

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS August 4, 1965, marks the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the United States Coast Guard, the Nation's oldest continuous seagoing service; and

WHEREAS the Coast Guard:

- protects or saves the lives and property of thousands of people each year through its vigilance and alertness;
- enforces United States law afloat and protects the integrity of United States shores;
- provides for the safety of the United States Merchant Marine and of numerous pleasure craft operating in our waters and on the high seas, through the establishment and maintenance of a system of aids to navigation and requirements for seaworthiness, proper equipment, and qualified personnel;
- maintains a state of readiness as a branch of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS it is fitting that the Coast Guard receive the recognition and support of all citizens in the accomplishment of its many tasks; and

WHEREAS the men of the Coast Guard who are called upon to act in situations of stress and danger draw a great part of their strength and courage from this recognition and support; and